Teledensity in the country

922. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of teledensity achieved in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is proposed to introduce uniform call-tariff across the country; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) :(a) The requisite information is given in the Statement (see below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is taking steps for achieving the concept of "One India Call" rate with the final objective of uniform and reduced call rates across the country. The dialing procedure has been simplified between Kolkata and West Bengal, Mumbai and Maharashtra, Chennai and Tamil Nadu and also in Uttar Pradesh.

Statement

State-wise/Circle-wise teledensity during the last three years i. e. 2002-03.2003-04 *and* 2004-05

SI. No.	Name of State/ Telecom Circle	2002-03 (as on 31.3.03)	2003-04 (as on 31.3.04)	2004-05 (as on 31.3.05)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andaman &	10.15	11.56	12.63
2.	Andhra Padesh	5.66	7.85	9.48
3.	Assam	1.94	2.13	2.79
4.	Bihar	1.32	1.67	2.36
5.	Chhattisgarh	1.47	1.63	1.80
6.	Gujarat	7.77	10.14	12.73
7.	Haryana	6.21	8.38	10.83
8.	Himachal Pradesh	8.50	10.14	13.12
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2.48	3.01	5.09
10.	Jharkhand	1.68	2.00	2.30

1	2	3	4	5
11.	Karnataka	6.67	9.46	12.19
12.	Kerala	11.33	14.87	18.77
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3.02	3.97	5.21
14.	Maharashtra excl. Mumbai	6.08	8.00	10.01
15.	North East-I	3.00	3.35	4.33
16.	North East-ll	2.35	2.71	3.66
17.	Orissa	2.29	2.95	3.96
18.	Punjab	11.76	17.33	21.94
19.	Rajasthan	3.47	4.50	6.12
20.	Tamil Nadu excl. Chennai	6.22	8.54	11.37
21.	Uttaranchal	4.25	5.10	5.74
22.	Uttar Pradesh	2.15	2.96	4.06
23.	West Bengal excl. Kolkata	1.85	2.18	3.00
24.	Kolkata	13.47	18.92	23.79
25.	Chennai	22.97	38.81	46.76
26.	Delhi	27.38	41.74	50.94
27.	Mumbai	24.22	36.08	44.27
	All India	5.11	7.02	8.95

Launching of warehousing and order processing services

923. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts in India is planning to launch warehousing and order-processing services for the industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the department has already launched logistic service under the brand name 'Logistic Post' in seven States; and

(c) if so, the details of the new warehousing services to be offered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Department of Posts has no proposal to launch a separate 'warehousing and order processing service' for the industry. Department of Posts has launched 'Logistic Posts' service in 12 Postal Circles so far. In addition to basic services comprising of booking, transportation, unloading and delivery of logistics consignment, 'Logistics Post' provides a few optional facilities,